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Katsumi SHIBAYAMA *et al.* )  
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Application No.: 10/715,118 ) Group Art Unit: 2811  
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For: BACK ILLUMINATED PHOTODIODE ARRAY, )  
MANUFACTURING METHOD AND )  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE THEREOF )

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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form-1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form-1449.

Relevance of the non-English documents can be ascertained from the enclosed English abstracts. Moreover, Applicants enclose a copy of an International Search Report issued February 24, 2004, citing at least some of these references.

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**Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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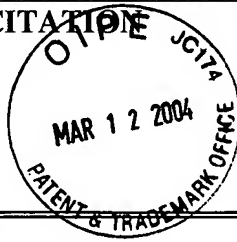
  
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